

NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting
May 13, 2015 MINUTES
Location: Senior Center

Present:	Alexa Lyons, SeungWan Kang, Eliza Beth, John Kusiak, Benji Cole, Hannah Lass, Anton Malin
Staff:	Jenny O'Higgins, Tom Pomeroy
Advisory Board Adults:	John Panica, Kirsten Tuohy, Heather Byrns, Stephanie Lapham, Kathy Marchi
Guests:	Jonathan Halpern

The meeting was opened at 6:37 pm by Chairperson, SeungWan Kang

Motion by John Kusiak to accept April minutes passed.

Budget Report:

Budget for the year: \$2,500

Balance: \$1,480

Business:

Agenda amended to discuss budget decisions first

Budget decisions and update for FY 15

- Update on budget decisions from last meeting
 - Meeting between Newton North and South mental health groups
 - Possibility of more meetings in the future between the two groups
 - MSPP conference
 - Attended by SeungWan Kang, Eliza Beth, and Benji Cole to discuss resilience and their experiences on the youth commission
 - Very well received, great program
- Budget decisions
 - Funding for May event for Mayor's STEM Nights
 - Promote the Youth Commission as a sponsor
 - Motion to allocate \$700 to STEM Nights passed
 - Multi-service Eating Disorder Association requested stipend for speaking at South
 - Motion to allocate \$250 to MEDA passed
 - Printing of kindness posters for Newton South's mental health club and marketing/ promotional materials for Youth Commission
 - Motion to allocate \$350 to printing materials passed
 - End of the year celebration/ ceremony at June meetings
 - Motion to allocate remaining \$180 to June meeting passed

Ordinance changes update and discussion

- Discussion:
 - Clarifying that commissioners would be appointed for a maximum of four years

- Chairperson of the youth commission will be selected by the commission with notification to the mayor
 - Chairperson will be appointed for one year and could serve three consecutive terms
- Further discussion at June meeting with a city solicitor

Announcements

- Youth Awards nominations are due May 22
- Update on graduating commissioners and replacements
- Ask A Newton Teen website launch party scheduled for May 19

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Next meeting date is June 10 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Alexa Lyons, Commissioner and Secretary